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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 9, with the following paragraph:

The government has certain rights in this invention by virtue of Grant Number BES-9624832 awarded by the U.S. National Science Foundation to Mark R. Prausnitz and by virtue of Contract Number DABT63-95-C-0114 awarded by the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

In the Claims

~~Please~~ cancel claims 2-48.

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